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RECOGNIZING SOUTH UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to congratulate South Union Elementary School in Des Moines, IA, which was granted the Energy Star Rating in recognition of its achievements and practices in energy conservation.

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At a time when the United States leads the world in energy consumption and emissions of greenhouse gases, South Union Elementary is serving as a role model for schools across the Nation. Under the guidance of the Des Moines School District, South Union became an Energy Star Partner in May 2008. South Union has reduced its energy consumption, operating costs, and greenhouse gas emissions. Simple measures such as turning off lights, computers, and convenience appliances have made a big difference.

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RECOGNIZING STOWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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RECOGNIZING WINDSOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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At a time when the United States leads the world in energy consumption and emissions of greenhouse gases, Windsor Elementary is serving as a role model for schools across the Nation. Under the guidance of the Des Moines School District, Windsor became an Energy Star Partner in May 2008. Windsor has reduced its energy consumption, operating costs, and greenhouse gas emissions. Simple measures such as turning off lights, computers, and convenience appliances have made a big difference.

It is important that we recognize the accomplishments of schools such as Windsor Elementary. Along with helping the environment, Windsor is also saving the school district money. During these tough economic times, with school budgets under extreme pressure, this is more important than ever. Just as important, these energy conservation actions by the Windsor Elementary community instill a strong sense of environmental and natural resource stewardship. Windsor Elementary's students, teachers, and staff are fostering excellent habits of conscientious citizenship.

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RECOGNIZING WRIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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